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NOTICE OF APPEAL
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**APPARATUS FOR RELEASING ITEMS WITHIN
A CONFINED SPACE**

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SIR:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner made in the Final Office Action dated October 3, 2003.

Applicants requested a **three-month extension of time** in which to respond to the Final Office Action of October 3, 2003 in Applicants' Response filed on March 12, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants do not enclose a Petition for Extension of Time with this paper as the fee for three-month extended period for response expiring on April 3, 2004 has been paid.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. § 1.191 Notice of Appeal fee of \$330.00 and the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number 11-0600.

The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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